

STATUS OF THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently amended.) A package ~~for storing a contact lens~~, comprising a contact lens, a solution, and a base element, the contact lens, solution or both comprising one or more of a pharmaceutical agent or an antimicrobial agent, wherein the base element comprises an opacifying agent that blocks light sufficiently so that the reaction of light with the pharmaceutical agent, antimicrobial agent, or both is substantially prevented.

2. (Original) The package of claim 1, wherein the opacifying agent is elected from the group consisting of aluminum, aluminum hydrate, aluminum silicate, potassium silicate, aluminum mono- di-, and tri- stearate, barium sulphate, bentonite, burnt amber, calcium carbonate, carbon black, D & C Red No. 7, organic pigments, soluble dyes absorbed on an inorganic carrier, soluble dyes combined with an inorganic carrier diatomaceous earth, iron oxides, magnesium oxide, magnesium silicate, phthalocyanine blue, phthalocyanine green, quinacridone red, raw sienna, burnt sienna, titanium dioxide, and combinations thereof.

3. (Original) The package of claim 1, wherein the opacifying agent is titanium dioxide.

4. (Original) The package of claim 1, wherein the opacifying agent is a photochromic compound.

5. (Original) The package of claim 4, wherein the photochromic compound is selected from the group consisting of a spironaphthyloxazine, naphthopyran, benzopyran, phenantropyran, spiropyridobenzoxazine, metal dithizonate, fulgide, fulgimide, spiro(benzindoline), organometal dithizonate.

6. (Original) The package of claim 1, 2, 3, or 4 wherein the opacifying agent is incorporated into a material from which the base element is made.

7. (Original) The package of claim 1, 2, 3, or 4 wherein the opacifying agent is coated onto a surface of the base element.

8. (Original) The package of claim 1, 2, 3, or 4 wherein the opacifying agent is sprayed onto a surface of the base element.

9. (Original) The package of claim 1, 2, 3, or 4 wherein the opacifying agent is printed onto a surface of the base element.

10. (Original) The package of claim 1, wherein the base element further comprises a metallocene catalyzed polymer or a metallocene catalyzed co-polymers made of polypropylene.

11. (Original) The package of claim 1, wherein the base element further comprises a metallocene catalyzed polymer or a metallocene catalyzed co-polymers made of polyethylene.

12. (Original) The package of claim 1 or 11, wherein the package further comprises a flexible cover sheet.

13. (Original) The package of claim 12, wherein the cover sheet comprises an adhesive laminate of an aluminum foil and a polypropylene film.

14. (Original) The package of claim 12, wherein the package further comprises a contact lens comprising galyfilcon A, senefilcon A, balafilcon A, or lotrafilcon A.

15. Canceled.

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17. (Original) The package of claim 13, wherein the package further comprises a contact lenses comprising galyfilcon A, senefilcon A, balafilcon A, or lotrafilcon A.

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